Superior National Forest OUTREACH NOTICE Forester (Silviculture) GS-460-5/7/9 Grand Marais and Tofte, MN

The Superior National Forest will soon be advertising to fill a Forester position in Grand Marais, MN and would like to collect information from interested candidates through the attached Outreach Response form. This position may be advertised under the Recent Graduates Program, one of the Pathways programs, and concurrently as Demo and Merit Promotion opportunities.

About the Position We are recruiting for a Forester in Silviculture. This position will offer the opportunity to the following tasks:

- NEPA analysis and reporting for landscape ecosystems, economics, and climate change
- Field recon of stands for prescription development
- Budget, create, administer and inspect stand examinations (either contract or in-house)
- Update stand vegetation data in FS Veg and FS Veg Spatial
- Maintain expertise in FS Veg, FSVeg Spatial, Stand Exam protocol, and other sampling procedures
- Assist in developing proposed actions, stewardship projects, and stand level prescriptions in coordination with ID teams
- Monitoring effectiveness of vegetation treatments
- Work leader responsibilities for technicians
- Assist in maintaining planning and prescription databases
- Assist with Zone Silviculture program tasks, ie refo and TSI program

The Superior National Forest is located in the northeast tip of Minnesota and is sandwiched between Lake Superior and the Canadian border. One third of its three million acres contains the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). The National Forest has over 2,000 lakes, 3,400 miles of streams, hosts 27 Forest Service campgrounds, nine Minnesota DNR campgrounds, 2,200 developed campsites within the BWCAW, and 254 back country campsites outside the Wilderness. These camping areas provide quick access to 354 fishing lakes, 162 public boat landings, 29 picnic areas, 400 miles of designated hiking trails, 450 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails, and over 1500 miles of canoe routes through the BWCAW.

Grand Marais is a small picturesque town on the shore of Lake Superior, and is on the eastern edge of the Superior National Forest. It has a year-round population of approximately 1250, and is the county seat of Cook County. The town has long been influenced by tourism, being located near the internationally known natural attraction of the largest fresh water lake in the world, as well as the BWCAW, which is the most visited wilderness area in the nation. It is a modern population center with grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, outfitters, lodging, hardware and variety stores, gift and souvenir shops, library, city and county services, and medical facilities, and to complement the natural attractions; a vibrant arts community. More information on Grand Marais, Minnesota can be found at: www.boreal.org, www.grandmaraismn.com, www.silverbay.com, www.exploreminnesota.com

Tofte, Minnesota is a small picturesque town on the shore of Lake Superior with a population of about 200. It is home to a bank, a Lutheran Church, resorts and restaurants, a grocery store, a gas station and a couple of gift shops. There is an elementary school (grades 1-5) with the remaining grades at a larger school in Grand Marais. Tofte is located between the communities of Silver Bay and Grand Marais. There are limited opportunities for home purchase or rental. More information on Tofte, Minnesota can be found at: www.boreal.org, www.grandmaraismn.com, www.silverbay.com, www.exploreminnesota.com

Erica Hahn at 218-663-8075/ehahn@fs.fed.us would be glad to provide additional information on this position and the community. Additional information regarding the Superior National Forest can be found at the website: http://www.fs.usda.gov/superior.

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Your response to this outreach will help us determine the level of interest of prospective candidates in this opportunity and advertisement strategy (target grade or career ladder).

Please indicate your interest in this position by completing and submitting this form to *Mary Wilson at mwilson02@fs.fed.us* by Wednesday, March 11^{th} , 2015

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E-mail address:

Contact Number:

Current Federal Employees:

Agency/Forest:

Series:

Grade:

Position Title:

Type Appointment:

Non-Federal Employees

Current Occupation:

Agency/Company:

Are you eligible to be hired under any of the following special authorities?

Schedule A

VRA

Former Peace Corp Volunteer

Pathways Program (Students and Recent Graduates)

Other _____

We appreciate your interest in the Superior National Forest

Feel free to reply to the outreach within a month after the outreach reply date. You will be notified when the vacancy announcement is posted to USAJobs. Your response will not be used to determine advertisement strategy.